

Winchell Coulee Well Gets Oil in The Madison

According to a report from the Delhi Britalta Winchell Coulee well, which is being drilled in the Water Valley area about 24 miles west of Didsbury, an important high gravity oil discovery has been made in the Madison lake well.

Delhi reversed the normal procedure of finding gas incidental to the search for oil and made an oil strike while searching to prove up new gas reserves. This is the first time in Alberta that an important oil discovery has been made while searching for gas.

According to the report core tests of the Madison line show the well to have penetrated 100 feet of effective Madison pay zone with porosity up to 25 per cent and gravity estimated at 40 API, which is exceptionally high quality oil. Production casing is now being run and results of production tests are expected to be available this week.

Winchell Coulee topped the Madison formation at 10,692 feet and found the top of the Madison porosity at 10,783 feet. At total depth 10,890 feet, the well has still not penetrated the full extent of the Madison pay, which will not have to be established by a follow-up well.

Due to the small diameter of the hole, Delhi was unable to run any drillstem in the Madison.

The discovery is expected to increase activity in the foothills belt, which to date has yielded only one oil field, the Turner Valley field 40 miles southeast of the new strike.

It is also expected that the discovery at the Winchell Coulee well will mark an intensive search for all in the area immediately west of Didsbury, which was probed a year ago by the Superior-Robertson well, which produced only about 50 barrels of oil per day and was shut down.

In addition to the Madison gas, Winchell Coulee made a wet gas discovery in the Cardium sandstone at 5,295 feet, flowing gas at 10,000,000 cubic feet daily and found a high pressure zone in the Jumping Pound sandstone at 8,455 feet.

Following the discovery of the gas in the Cardium and Jumping Pound, the well ran casing through the Jumping Pound formation. As a result diameter of the hole past this depth was reduced from nine inches to 4.5 inches. Because of the small diameter of the hole drillstem tests could not be run in the Madison.

Delhi is drilling the well on a 39,640 acre reservation famous from Britalta Petroleum and will receive a half interest in the land and half Britalta holdover remaining 50 per cent. In addition Delhi and Britalta have an option on a 3,212 acre lease block about six miles northwest of the well and a 20,000 acre reservation 15 miles northwest of the discovery.

Delhi drilled the well as part of its extensive exploratory program to prove up gas reserves in Western Canada to support the projected Trans Canada gas export line from Alberta to eastern Canada.

NO ISSUE OF "PIONEER" WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

"According to ancient custom..." or at least for the past twenty-five years, the Didsbury Pioneer has not published an edition between Christmas and New Year's, and this year will be no exception to the established custom. Therefore there will not be a paper published in Didsbury next week.

C.P.R. TRAIN TIMES AT DIDSBURY

NORTHBOUND:
No. 521—(flag stop) 1:10 a.m. daily.
No. 527—10:04 a.m. (flag stop) Sunday only.
No. 523—11:24 a.m. except Sunday.
No. 525—6:21 p.m. daily.
SOUTHBOUND:
No. 522—4:59 a.m. daily.
No. 524—12:23 Noon daily.
No. 526—5:00 p.m. daily except Sunday.
No. 528—6:21 p.m. (flag stop) Sunday only.

Mrs. Anna Smith Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Annie Smith, 82, died Monday night, December 15, in the local hospital. Born in Colecamp, Miss. Mrs. Smith moved to the Didsbury district in 1901 to homestead.

In 1910 she moved into the town of Didsbury where her husband went into the contracting business. She was predeceased by her husband, George, in 1931, and for the past 12 years had resided with her daughter, Mrs. M. H. C. Ford of Carstairs.

Mrs. Smith was a long-time member of the Evangelical church and a charter member of St. Hilja Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Didsbury.

Besides Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Smith is survived by another daughter, Mrs. G. W. Sutherland, Vermilion; a sister, Mrs. Dora Harms; two brothers, Louis and George Ebeling of Stover, Miss.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Grams from the Evangelical Church, Didsbury, on Thursday, Dec. 18, when members of St. Hilja Chapter O.E.S. attended in a body. Pallbearers were Thos. Morris, Ivan Weber, W. J. Scheldt, Ed Ford, C. E. Reiber and A. L. McInnes. Interment followed in the Didsbury cemetery with Didsbury Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

ANGELICAN CHILDREN'S PARTY

Mrs. Joe Freeman was hostess to all Anglican children under six on Friday. They attended a short service in the church and then sojourned to Mrs. Freeman's home where they were entertained and served a lovely lunch. Candy and gifts were presented to all youngsters.

—W.H.

STORES TO REMAIN OPEN TO 6:00 P.M. DECEMBER 24

As Christmas Eve this year falls on a Wednesday, business places in Didsbury will forego their usual half-holiday and remain open until 6:00 p.m. December 24th.

On Saturday, December 27th, all places of business in Didsbury will close at 6:00 p.m. and will follow this custom on Saturdays during the first few months of the new year.

FAMILY GAMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag and start putting the puzzle together.

The Christmas Scramble Contest is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun see if you can work out the following—astral, eridion, chsigl, dynca, gosknit, eris, trepsen, lupine, alsore and nobhor.

Didsbury Hockey Club Still In Search Of First Win

HOCKEY GAME HERE BOXING DAY

Olds Elks make their first appearance of the season on local ice when they visit Didsbury on Friday (Boxing Day). Game time is set for 2:30 p.m., and judging from the last meeting of the two teams in Olds it should be a bang-up contest.

Hopes Fading For White Christmas

According to the calendar it's winter, but the weatherman says there'll be no white Christmas for the people of the town and immediate district this year.

Winter and mild weather arrived in the district about the same time Sunday, winter officially at 2:44 p.m. and a weak Chinook around noon.

"The fine weather is going to continue until Christmas," the weatherman said Tuesday, and we can expect more weak Chinooks but no snow.

There was a different picture in the U.S. however, where winter blew in officially and violently on Monday on a driving storm of snow, sleet and freezing rain across the great plains.

Four to five inches of snow fell in parts of Nebraska and Kansas, and lesser amounts through Iowa, Northwestern Missouri and the Dakotas. Winds of 35 to 50 miles an hour whipped the snow into blizzards.

Europe, too, was having troubles, although of a slightly different nature. Three tiny villages in the Aennine mountains in North-Central Italy were evacuated Monday as a giant landslide threatened to engulf them. Recent heavy rains are believed to have caused the slide.

Should the weatherman abide by his forecast and we do have a "green" Christmas this year, it will be the first time in a long while that the festive season has been celebrated without snow on the ground.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL ITEMS

Pupils of Rosedale school held their annual Christmas party and contest Monday evening and parents and friends were entertained with a two-hour concert. Pupils at the school number but nine.

Bryce Thompson arrived home on Monday from Edmonton to spend Christmas at his home in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Currie and family of Westlock will spend Christmas in Didsbury with the James Currie family.

Kenny Morris, who is attending through Agricultural College this year, arrived Saturday to spend the yuletide holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Leith, Elaine and Barry of Vauxhall, arrived on Saturday to spend a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Tighe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birkett of Prince Albert, Sask., are spending the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cowan.

ORIGIN OF THE FAMOUS CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Christmas puddings, as we know them, were not eaten until about 1670, and first appeared as a stiffened form of the earlier plum porridge.

This was a concoction of meat broth, raisins, wine, fruit juice and spices, the whole thickened with brown bread and served in a semi-liquid state at the beginning of the meal.

Didsbury's entry in the Central Alberta Hockey League is still looking for their first win in the young season, having absorbed two home-ice defeats during the past week.

On Wednesday, December 17, a smooth skating band of Stettler Imperials handled the locals an 11-6 lacing before a fair crowd at the Memorial Arena.

Wednesday evening Didsbury took an early lead over the Alx aggregation but faded in the stretch and came out on the short end of a 7-6 score. A goal scored by the locals before the end of the game was disallowed by officials and tempers ran high as players and fans argued strenuously. However, it was no goal and the game went to the visitors.

Following are the line-ups and summary for the two games.
Stettler—Ron Price, Tom Wilson, Mike Peirky, Stokely Duncan, H. Ouellette, Ken Graebelinger, Al Baker, R. Smith, Wally Wilkovich, Evan Saunders, Mike Budziak, W. Saunders, Wells, Lotstrand.

Didsbury—Ken Papke, Geo. Sher, Riff, Geo. Williams, Ron Liesemer, D. Diebold, Cecil Papke, J. Moore, G. Roberts, J. Wilton, L. Devine, T. Morgan, R. Brunwell, Don Irwin, Jay Miller.

In this game Didsbury goals were scored by Lloyd Devine, Cec. Papke, Ron Liesemer (2), G. Roberts, Jim Wilton.

Stettler goals were scored by Ken Graebelinger, 2, S. Duncan, Wally Kilkowich, 2, Tom Wilson, 2, Mike Peirky, 2, H. Ouellette, 2.

In the Didsbury-Alx game the line-up was as follows:

Didsbury—K. Papke, G. Roberts, G. Williams, J. Wilton, T. Morgan, L. Devine, J. Moore, L. Neufeld, Ron Liesemer, D. Diebold, C. Papke, R. Brunwell, D. Irwin, R. Miller.

Alx—B. Anders, D. McColl, P. French, J. Young, R. Young, G. Menage, S. Byrnky, G. McColl, J. Russell, R. Bell, K. McColl, C. Burk.

Didsbury goals were scored by R. Liesemer, 2, D. Diebold, 4.

Alx goals: J. Young, G. Menage, 4, R. Young, J. Ross.

MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY NOT FORGOTTEN AT YULE

KYBE, Japan—A man without a country has learned that he's not without friends.

Patrick Michael O'Brien will be remembered Christmas even though he can't get back to his home in Ireland.

O'Brien is the modern man without a country. He has spent most of 1952 on a ferry boat going between Hong Kong and Macao, a Portuguese colony. Neither the British nor Portuguese authorities will give him landing clearance. He just keeps riding back and forth.

But the monotony of it all will be broken somewhat with the help of sergeants of the British Commonwealth base signal regiment in Kure, Japan. They've sent him a yuletide Christmas package to remind him all the world hasn't turned against him.

The gift includes a bottle of rum, a bottle of whisky and plenty of aspirins.

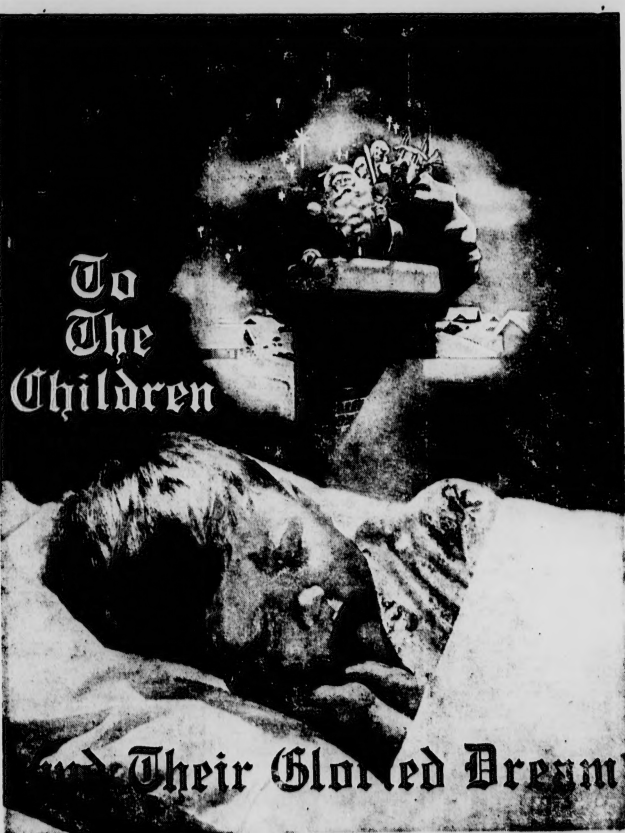
At the bottom of the package is a recording of "Slow Boat to China."

School closed for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday noon and classes will be resumed after the festive season on Monday, January 5th.

The Didsbury Choral Society was out in strength on Tuesday evening, singing Christmas carols for the shut-ins and elderly people of the town.

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No. 1	61c
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Off Grade	46c
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REV. E. B. FOX, Pastor

This is no time for a Race!



CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Lucille Ford and Mrs. Laura Sutherland wish to thank Dr. Burgess and the nursing staff of the Didsbury hospital for the care given their mother during her recent illness and also their many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them during their recent sad bereavement.

Mrs. Alex Robertson Hostess To Westcott W.A.

Sixteen members and three visitors met at the home of Mrs. Alex Robertson for the December meeting of the Westcott W.A.

The Magnificat (No. 747 in the Hymnary) was read in union for the devotional. The report of the cemetery committee was given by Mrs. Cliff Eckstrand, and the report of the music committee was given by Mrs. Percy Husegood.

The election of officers took place and the following were elected:

President, Mrs. Jack Robertson; vice-president, Mrs. Percy Husegood; secretary, Mrs. George Young; reporter, Mrs. Cliff Eckstrand; pianist, Mrs. Ed. Klink; Manse committee, Mrs. Alex Robertson and Mrs. Percy Husegood. Cemetery committee, Mrs. Cliff Eckstrand and Mrs. Alex Blain.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent singing carols, to the enjoyment of all, and the meeting closed with Benediction by the minister. The hostess then served a delicious lunch.

Year End — 1952

The present year will stand out in agricultural annals on at least three counts — the largest wheat crop ever harvested; the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, which interrupted a profitable trade in meat and livestock with the United States that has not been resumed; and the termination of export contracts with the United Kingdom, covering a number of important food products. We are still to close to the events to judge their relative importance, but it is not improbable that in the perspective history their significance will be assessed along lines not now apparent.

Certainly, 1952 has been a "year of wonders" for grain growers. An unusually prolonged period of favorable weather made possible the successful spring harvest of a very large part of the grain left in the fields on the prairies last fall because of the sudden onset of winter, and the 1951 crop at 552 million bushels proved to be only 27 million less than the September 1951 pre-frost estimate. During the present season practically ideal weather conditions in the west attended the seeding, growing and harvesting periods in turn, resulting in a wheat crop which at the current estimate of 688 million bushels, exceeds by 121 million bushels the previous record set in 1928.

The purple violet comes in for particular acclaim in New Brunswick and is used as the flower emblem of that province.

TENDERS

OLDS SCHOOL DIVISION No. 31 is calling for tenders for: 250 cords, more or less, green poplar wood.

30 cords, more or less, slab wood. Tenders may tender for the full 300 cords, or any portion thereof. State location of wood and type of road which serves this location.

Wood to be cut in 14' lengths. Blocks, or slabs, 6' to be split in half. Blocks or slabs over 6' to be split to the same proportion.

Split wood to be thrown in large piles for drying. Piles not to be on the sawdust.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be closed and in our hands by 5 p.m., January 12, 1953. All tenders to be forwarded to:

MR. S. J. GILSON, Secretary-Treasurer, Olds School Division No. 31, Didsbury, Alberta. 51-2c

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF Olds Valley Mutual Telephone Company

Due to extensive re-organization of lines our liabilities are heavier than usual and it would be very much appreciated by the Directors of your Company to receive all outstanding accounts by the end of the year, in order that these liabilities may be reduced to a minimum. 2c

FOUND — 30-ft. logging chain, between Roy Gates' Service Station. Owner may have same by seeing Walter Scheidt and paying for this ad.

FOR SALE — Barley and wheat straw. Apply to J. R. McDonald, phone 1608, Didsbury.

UP BUILDINGS FOR SALE — 15x60 barn, \$3500; 9-room stucco house, two-storey, \$600; 30x60 machine shed, \$1200; garage or workshop 22x26, double doors, \$300. Send us your listing of buildings you may have for sale. We are in the moving business and can place ad of those buildings on an approved location. For your moving projects, contact us. Linden Moving Co., Linden, Alta., Phone 2120, Acme, or 2127 after 6 p.m. 2c

MOUNTAIN VIEW HEALTH UNIT

Clinics will be held at the following points in this district during January:

Castles, United Church Hall — Tuesday, January 27.

Cremona, Legion Hall — Tuesday, January 6.

Croftfield, United Church Hall — cancelled, holiday.

Didsbury, Health Unit Office — Thursday, January 8 and January 22.

Olds, Agricultural School — Friday, January 9 and 23.

Sundre, W. I. Library — Tuesday, January 15.

Water Valley, Community Hall — Monday, January 12.

All clinics: 2 to 4 p.m.

ASKS HIGHER WHEAT PRICE

The Manitoba Farmers' Union is looking for "substantially higher" floor and ceiling prices than those now in effect under the current International Wheat Agreement.

In a resolution passed last week it decided to take a "firm stand" for higher floor and ceiling prices, which it suggested should be \$1.85 and \$2.35, respectively.

These figures, proposed by the Interprovincial Farmers' Union Council and presented by the union's representative during recent negotiations in London, were not as high as those proposed by the United States, the M.F.U. said.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS MERRY

Don't get too big a tree. It lessons the fire hazard. Keep it away from radiators, heaters, fireplaces. Use wiring which has been tested.

Dispose of gift wrappings promptly, outside the house. Take your tree down when needles start to fall. Don't use cotton, paper or other flammable material for decorations. Don't use candles. Don't use frayed light strings or worn extension cords. Don't overload circuits. Don't leave tree lights burning when you go out. Don't smoke or use matches near your tree.

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NOTICE OF POLL

(Sec. 139 (a))
OLDS SCHOOL DIVISION No. 31
ELECTION IN SUBDIVISION No. 5

Take notice that, for the purpose of the election of a Trustee for Subdivision No. 5 of the Olds School Division No. 31, a poll will be held in each of the school districts listed below on the 10th day of January, 1953, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Bearberry School District: Polling place Bearberry School.

Bergen School District: Polling place Bergen School.

Eagle Hill School District: Polling place Eagle Hill No. 1 School.

Eagle Valley School District: Polling place Eagle Valley School.

Eldevold School District: Polling place Eldevold School.

Harmattan School District: Polling place Harmattan School.

Inverness School District: Polling place Inverness School.

Lobley School District: Polling place Lobley School.

McDougal Flat School District: Polling place McDougal Flat School.

Pinecroft School District: Polling place Pinecroft School.

Red Deer Valley School District: Polling place Red Deer Valley School.

Rockwood School District: Polling place Rockwood School.

Sunbury School District: Polling place Sunbury School.

Sundre School District: Polling place Sundre School.

Vale View School District: Polling place Vale View School.

Westward Ho School District: Polling place Westward Ho School.

Zella School District: Polling place Zella School.

The following persons have been nominated:

1. David O. Clark, Farmer, Bergen, Alberta.

2. Robert C. Rankin, Merchant, Sundre, Alberta.

Dated December 19, 1952.

S. J. GILSON, Returning Officer.

51-2c

FOR SALE — Quarter Section in Westward Ho district, 10 acres of crop land on gravel road. For immediate possession, \$1,700. Write A. E. Spicer, Westcott, or phone 015, Didsbury, evenings, 11n

FOR SALE — One 50-ft. lot, north end of town on water line. Apply W. A. Sherrick, phone 1103. 41-1f

FOR RENT — Frame Building, 22x50 and 12x22, on main street of thriving town of Didsbury. Apply to A. I. Shumatcher, Q.C., 603, Grain Exchange Bldg., Calgary, phone 21717. Owner. 37-1f

FOR SALE — Two-unit McCormick Paving Milling Machine, complete with motor. Apply Fred Reese, phone 1610. 50-3p

FOR SALE — Set of Curling Rocks with box, \$40. Apply The Pioneer Office. 50-3c

FOR SALE — Registered Yorkshire Boars ready for service. From the Champion boar of 1951 Calgary Fall Show and Sale, \$50.00 each, papers \$2.00 extra. Phone 1308, H. Sawatzky, Carstairs. 50-3p

FOR SALE — 12 Ewes, up to 4 years old. Apply Ken Mullen, Didsbury, Alta. 50-3p

HOUSEKEEPER AVAILABLE — Will do full-time housework, live in, two school-age children. Apply to Box 358, Olds. 51-2p

WANTED — 100 feet of Beatty Litter Carrier Track, Phone 1922, Olds, or see J. L. Boden. 51-3p

FOR SALE — Two roomed tar-paper shack across track. Apply to Mrs. Amy Snyder, 10 miles east of Didsbury. 51-3p

SALESMAN WANTED — Industrious man wanted at once to retail Rawleigh Products in Didsbury locality. Write Rawleigh's Dept. 1402, Winnipeg, Man. 50-3c

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NOTICE

Accounts payable to Drs. McKen- zie and Burgess may be paid at the drug store. Mr. Law will issue receipts. 27-11n

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —

At Christmas time good friends recall
The joys of long ago,
The happy, kindly ways of all
The friends they used to know;
And though some travel far apart
And journey different ways,
All keep a corner in their heart
For happy yesterdays.

—Edgar A. Guest

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To wish you Christmas happiness,
And all the Season's Cheer,
With everything that's best in life,
Throughout the coming year.

HUGHIE ROBERTS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —

May you enjoy the holidays to their fullest. May you receive all the blessings of the Christmas season. May you have a very Happy New Year.

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THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S

The Bells of Twyford Church in Hampshire which rang on the radio last Christmas morning were the means of saving the life of a man and his horse over 200 years ago.

William Davies then lived in Twyford House, the garden of which lies close to the church. He rode into Winchester on a foggy day in October and on the high downs which surround Twyford, Bewildered by the fog, he reined in his horse, not knowing which way to go. Then he heard the bells of St. Mary's ringing and knew that he must turn his horse in that direction.

As the fog lifted he saw that he and his horse had been standing on the cliff-like ledge of a deep chalk pit beside the high road.

As a thank offering he left in his will a sum of money to the Twyford Ringers. "Twenty shillings to be paid them every year for evermore on the 7th day of Oct, provided they ring on the morning and evening of that day." So every year the bells ring out, and in the evening the ringers are given a good supper.

Through The Study Window

(By Rev. C. C. Armstrong)

The windows, at this season, are decked out in lights and wreaths. Christmas, whether white or green, is the most colorful of all our festivals. For many, the most welcome lights are those of home, for Christmas is a festival of the family, and the holiday season provides a gathering opportunity for a gathering of the clan. So we are gladdened within our family circle, even when our hearts are touched with the plight of those whose homes have been ravaged by "man at war with man."

Another welcome light is the light that shines in the eyes of little children at Christmas. Heaven lies about us in our infancy, according to the poet, and surely a small portion of heaven comes wrapped up in the joy that children have at Christmas. Santa comes in altogether too many shapes and sizes to satisfy the childish mind of growing children. But which is better — to say that there is no Santa, or to focus our attention on the steadfast love, such as parents can have for their children, which seeks to provide good things.

There is also the light of the hope for peace. Critics of the United Nations as an instrument for peace may say that it is made up of people, many of whom do not know the things that make for peace. Let it be remembered at Christmas that they need our prayerful support rather than our gratuitous criticism. That there is a special blessing for the peace makers is one of the teachings of our Lord that we do well to remember. The Christmas prayer is for an outpouring upon everyone of the qualities of the spirit that makes for peace. But those qualities can find their most effective expression in the life and witness of Christian people working through the Christian church and in the world-wide Christian fellowship.

We would remind those of you who lost loved ones during the year, of the light that shines especially for lonely people and troubled souls. "Fear not, for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." "He comes the broken heart to bind. The bleeding soul to soothe; And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor."

This is a time when we extend to all of you a very sincere wish for the True Blessings of the Joyful Christmas season.

MESSAGES TO BE BROADCAST FROM RED CROSS HOSPITAL

Continuing a tradition that was established a number of years ago, the patients at Alberta's Red Cross Crippled Children's hospital will again broadcast personal Christmas greetings to their families living outside Calgary.

The program, which originates through CFNC Calgary, will be carried over CFNC, CICA, Edmonton and CIOC Lethbridge from 10:10:30 a.m. Christmas Day and over CHAT Medicine Hat from 1:10:30 p.m. on Christmas Day. The stations donate the time for this broadcast.

The children have been practicing for the broadcast for several weeks, holding their air rehearsal last Tuesday. CFNC's chief engineer, Bob Lamb, and Lorne Duncliffe, who has emceed the program for years, taped the broadcast and then played it back to the children and teachers. Then they saw the flaws in it and are hard at work again to make this year's broadcast better than ever.

Even the pre-school children are contributing their part through their rhythmic band, banging and shaking their instruments with great gusto. The older groups are to be heard in several Christmas choruses.

Listeners to the program will be able to see the children in imagination; nearly all of them will be lying flat on their backs either in beds or on mattresses and awaiting their turns to say "hello" to parents as far north as Yellowknife.

With 139 patients in hospital, of which 88 are polioes, the manoeuvring of the beds into position as to age groups is one of the biggest difficulties. However on Christmas morning the Kinsmen Club of Calgary, which sponsors the Christmas party each year, will assist with the moving as well as allot a "Daddy" to each child to help with the presents and fun.

WEST NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

(This Week)

The Anglican W. A. held its Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bird of Garfield on Thursday evening. The evening was spent singing carols, with a short program of readings and solo, and each child received a bag of sweets and a gift, after which a delicious lunch was served.

The Rugby W. I. will hold its January meeting at the home of Mrs. O. Thompson on Friday, January 9, and a whist drive at the McNaughton home Monday, January 12.



We wish you a Good Old-Fashioned Merry Christmas. May your home echo with merry warmth and laughter and the hearty ring of gaiety and may the coming year bring you every measure of joy and prosperity.

CAITHNESS CARTAGE

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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A GLAD YULETIDE —

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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS —

May the Christmas bells ring in a most happy season — May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of the community.

May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your faithfulness and kindness.

McDonald's Men's Wear

PHONE 160 — DIDSBURY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —

May Christmas bring joy, peace and contentment;

And may the New Year be one filled with health and prosperity.

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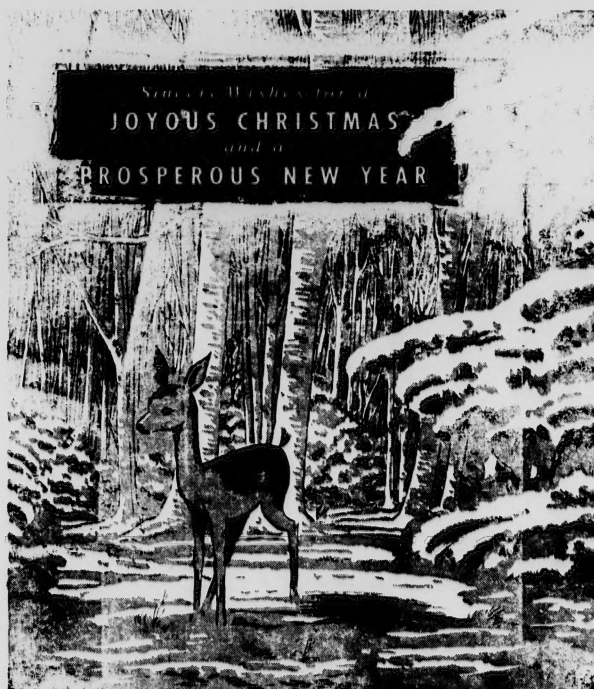
A Very Merry Christmas

— AND A —

Happy New Year

May peace and good cheer sit at your fireside at Christmas! May your loved ones surround you and your home and heart be graced with the deep happiness of Christmastide—the most joyous time of year.

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It's Christmas Time

This is the first Christmas edition of The Didsbury Pioneer which we have had the privilege of presenting to our many friends in the immediate district and to those who formerly lived here and have been associated with us.

Having been in your midst for only a few short months we feel, maybe in the opinion of many, we may have at times been too outspoken, at times we may have been out of place, we may have been wrong lots of times. But with the spirit of Christmas in our minds, you've heard it before, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." We would also like to leave the following Christmas message with you:

The Christmas season is upon us and most people have entered into the spirit of the yuletide season. However, some do not really understand what the Christmas season is. Others know what it is but have lost touch with the real meaning of Christmas.

To us Christmas is one of the greatest seasons of the year. It not only brings a time to reflect on past performances and acts of faith, but it brings a time to practise what we know is right and good.

Christmas is celebrated as an act to commemorate the birth of Christ, and the birth of a new way of living, which has been followed for almost 2,000 years and is today the way of living which is enjoyed at least to a certain degree by Christians and Christian nations throughout the world. Our laws are founded on Christian principles; society is governed by these principles, and to be a good and upright citizen we must follow the dictates of Christ and his disciples.

So, in celebrating this Christmas, let us not lose sight of the fact that the festive season was made possible by the birth of Christ and let us give thanks to Him for a way of life which has proved itself superior to all other ways of living for many centuries.

In the spirit of the yuletide season we say to readers and friends "A Merry Christmas!" May we continue to enjoy many more such events in the years to come.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —

We wish to thank our many patrons for making the past year as successful as it was, and we wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a much more Prosperous New Year in '53. Thanks again.

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AND A
**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

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WESTCOTT NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

(Last Week)

The warmer weather has slowed up the rink activity somewhat, but earlier in the week the rink was in almost constant use. The Didsbury senior hockey team has been using the ice for practice while the ice is being prepared in town. With the regular skating nights, etc., it's been a very busy place. Keep in mind there is always skating, open to the public, Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons.

Little Pearl Goetjen had the cast removed from her leg last week. Mrs. Otto Folkmann was accompanied on a holiday trip last week-end by Mrs. John Jacobson of Sundre. The ladies expect to visit at points in B.C. before going on to the U.S.A. where they intend to spend Christmas and New Years.

Mr. Fred Metz, who was on a business trip for the Municipality to the Dog Pound district on Sunday, was a dinner guest at the Herbert Goetjen home on his return.

Friends of Mr. Hubert Papke will be glad to hear he is resting comfortably after his accident at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Papke, in town.

Mrs. L. Jacobson's mother, Mrs. Templeton of Vancouver, arrived here to stay with her daughter, while convalescing. It is to be hoped this change of climate will be of benefit to her health.

The new telephone subscribers on line 9 are Mr. and Mrs. Alf Baudis.

Miss Elaine Goetjen and Mr. Jack Boyle visited with Elaine's sister, Deloyce, at Eckville recently.

Kiddies and teachers alike are busy preparing for their Christmas programs and although we've no date to report as of the Westcott school program we know that it is being prepared.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Don Rinehart of Calgary are the proud parents of a daughter born Dec. 11.



**Agricultural
SERVICE
BOARD
NOTES**

W.K. Snyder,
Field Supervisor

At the risk of being considered pessimistic, A. M. Wilson, Alberta's Field Crops Commissioner, states that the obvious time to prepare for the future is now, when we have an abundant supply of seed grain, feed and fodder. Even now meteorologists are predicting the weather cycle to be swinging towards a series of drier years. The wise farmer provides for the future with an eye to climatic ups and downs. Never has there been a better time to hold in reserve quantities of seed grain, feed grain and fodder. These are the basic things which keep a farm producing. Many farmers will recall the situation a year ago, says Mr. Wilson, when seed grain in almost every part of Alberta was at a premium. Much grain that was planted as seed this spring, even though it had been bought for seed was not quite good enough. Yet it had to be planted because none other was available. The same situation has occurred before. With the abundant supply of excellent grain, farmers would be well advised to consider holding in reserve sufficient for two years or more.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL —

As we stop in the midst of the season of good cheer our hearts grow tender as we are carried back in thought to the reality of Christmas Day, and what it means. In sincerity, we wish you a delightful holiday season.

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We take genuine pleasure in laying aside the routine of business to send to our many friends the heartiest wishes for the Holiday Season.

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WEST NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

(Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rigby were Calgary visitors Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hogg spent Thursday in Calgary.

The Elktion Willing Workers held their Christmas meeting at the home of the secretary, Mrs. J. Bagshaw, last Wednesday. Carols were sung and a contest held consisting of jumbled names of Christmas carols. After the gift exchange a delicious lunch was served. The next meeting, roads permitting, will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Gillies.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hogg, accompanied by Mrs. O. Krebs, went to Calgary Friday and returned Sunday.

Mr. E. Fisher, Donnie and Joyce, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. Bagshaw on Sunday. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. Rinehart.

Mrs. Byrt Sr. returned Saturday from Edmonton where she spent the past ten days visiting with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Neufeld and family of Calgary were weekend guests with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cowitz. Owing to volunteer labor the Elktion curling rink is getting in shape and its hoped to have ice very soon. The skating rink, is also being flooded.

Mrs. Earl Lewis returned home on Monday from the Olds hospital with her new baby son.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Thompson spent the weekend at the home of their son west of Red Deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston of Carstairs spent Sunday with Mrs. C. Konsech.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Krebs. It's a girl!

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cowitz entertained the family to a turkey dinner on Monday, it being their 25th wedding anniversary, after which they repaired to the Rugby hall where friends had gathered to wish them many more years of happy married life. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cowitz were married in Calgary on Dec. 15, 1927. Mrs. Cowitz was the former Miss Pauline Luft, and they have three children, Mrs. R. E. Luft of Calgary, Mrs. Elwood Scott and Leonard, at home; also five grandchildren. Mr. H. Hosegood was chairman and there was a short program consisting of a mock wedding which was the high light of the evening, the ladies taking the men's part and vice versa. A reading was given by Mrs. Hosegood Sr. a solo by Miss Mildred Luft, musical numbers by Miss Marion Luft and Mr. P. Luft, and selections by the Krebs orchestra.

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This has been the practice of many farmers in the past. We commend them for their foresight, says A.M. Wilson, Alberta's Field Crops Commissioner, and trust that others will profit by their example. Mr. Wilson further notes that encouraging landmarks the season for the stacks of hay and piles of baled feed. From this abundant supply a surplus should be safely guarded. Livestock men must all remember the times when feed was more valuable than money in the bank.

PLEASANT YULETIDE THOUGHTS —

As the Holiday Season draws near, it is our sincere wish that you have a most pleasant Christmas and a New Year of prosperity, health and happiness.

**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON —**

At this Christmastide may we rededicate ourselves to a greater, fuller service to our community to help enrich our own lives and those with which we come in contact.

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GLADYS — JOHN — HOWARD

HALLIDAY'S

PHONE 101 — DIDSBURY

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS —

WE, THE DIDSBURY BAKERY, wish to thank each and every one for the many ways they have shown their appreciation of our products. Thanks a million, folks and a Very Merry Christmas with a bigger and better New Year to you all.

DIDSBURY BAKERY**THE SEASON'S GREETINGS —**

Not because of custom long established of extending greetings at the holiday season, but because of sincerity and our appreciation of your friendships and loyal patronage, we are prompted by the spirit of the season to wish you a good old-fashioned Merry Christmas.

It has been our good fortune to do business with the finest folks on earth and the Spirit of the Season brings renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends. Here is wishing you the most joyous Christmas you may have and that the New Year will bring you and yours the fullest measure of happiness and prosperity.

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CHRISTMAS MEETING OF THE RUGBY BLUEBELLS

The Christmas meeting of the Rugby Bluebells was held at the home of Mary Lou and Lillian Hoosegood with 16 members present. Many favorite Christmas carols were sung.

The Christmas tree was nicely decorated and Secret Sister gifts were exchanged.

A gift was presented to the past supervisor, Mrs. P. Hoosegood.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Vera and Carole Bethel on January 17.

CHURCH NOTICES

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Rev. C. C. Armstrong, B.A., B.D.
Westerdale (2nd and 4th Sunday) 10:00 a.m.
Knox Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Westcott 11:30 a.m.
Knox Evening Worship 7:45 p.m.

ANGELIC MISSION OF OLDS (Diocese of Calgary)

SUNDAY SERVICES
1st Sunday in the Month:
3:30 p.m. Harmanan.
2nd Sunday in the Month:
3:00 p.m. Burnside.
3rd Sunday in the Month:
11:00 a.m. Harmanan.
4th Sunday in the Month:
11:00 a.m. Didsbury.
5th Sunday in the Month:
Services to be announced.

UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH Rev. Ray Shantz, Pastor

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Preaching: 11:45 p.m.
Sunday evening service 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Young peoples' service every alternate Sunday at 7:45 p.m.
Davenport School: Sunday school and service each Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE HARMANAN

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.
8:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.
Friday N.Y.P.S. 8 p.m.
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11:30 a.m.: Sunday School.
2:00 p.m.: Sunday School follow-
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7:30 p.m.: Evening Service.
Wednesday Evening, 8:00 p.m.
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.
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The pastor and congregation extend a cordial invitation to every one to worship with us. "Come and we will do thee good."

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WEDDINGS

SCHNEE-PARSONS

Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey Schnee will take up residence on their ranch near Cutbank, Mont., following a wedding trip to Vancouver and Portland, Ore. The couple were married recently in Wesley United church at a ceremony by Dr. J. M. Salvendy.

The bride, formerly Miss Eileen Beatrice Parsons, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Parsons of Dawson Creek, B.C., and formerly of Didsbury. The groom is the son of J. B. Schnee of Cutbank, Mont.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of nylon lace and net with finger-tip veil caught in a Victorian bonnet. Her bouquet was of red roses.

Miss Doreen Gilrrie was maid-of-honor and Sandra Parsons, sister of the bride, was flower girl. Bruce Warner attended the groom and the guests were ushered by Chester Salmon and Harry Tuma, all of Cutbank. Miss Norma Parsons, the bride's sister, was soloist—Calgary Albertan.

PRATT-RIEDER

A very pretty double-ring ceremony was solemnized at the Evangelical Church on December 10 when Shirley Rose, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rieder was united in marriage to Mr. Alex Edward Pratt, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pratt.

The church was decorated with yellow and white mums and pink carnations. Rev. A. J. Grams performed the ceremony and Mrs. H. Anderson of Calgary played the wedding music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowning in white-bridal satin with inserts of lace in her flowing train and skirt. The long lily-point sleeves and bodice were also of lace. Her veil was held in place by a coronet of seed pearls and sequins and she carried American Beauty roses. Her only jewelry was a silver and rhinestone expansion bracelet, a gift of the groom.

Mrs. Gus Olson, sister of the groom, was matron-of-honor and Miss Betty Rieder, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Mrs. Olson wore a yellow tulle gown with matching gloves and veil, and carried gold baby mums. Miss Rieder wore a gown of pink brocaded satin bolero and bodice and two tiers of net skirt. She wore matching lace gloves and veil and carried pink baby mums.

Gloria Carter, cousin of the groom, and Linda Farrell, cousin of the bride, were flower girls and were gowning in identical blue tulle dresses and carried pink baskets of tinted pink mums.

Mr. Harold Pratt, brother of the groom, was groomsmen.

The ushers were Reginald Nuss and Walter Scheidt.

During the signing of the register Miss Donna Anderson of Calgary sang "Because."

A reception was held following the ceremony in the church parlor with 70 guests attending. The room was decorated with pink and white streamers and icicles, and pink and white bells. The bride's table was centred with a three-tiered wedding cake flanked with pink tapers. Servers were Misses Mary Ann Wilson, Lillian and Marlene Miller, Grace Tritten, Esther Neufeld and Adrienne Scheidt.

During the cutting of the cake Donna Anderson sang "The Wedding Prayer."

The toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. Gus Olson, brother-in-law of the groom, to which the groom and best man responded.

Following the wedding supper relatives and friends congratulated Shirley and Alec after which the guests went to the home of Mrs. Rose Rieder where the many lovely gifts were opened.

For the occasion Mrs. Rieder wore a royal blue dress trimmed with white lace. Her accessories were white and black and her corsage was of red roses. Mrs. Pratt wore a pink and black tulle dress with black accessories and a corsage of roses.

For travelling the bride changed to a blue grey suit with pink and navy accessories and a corsage of roses.

Out-of-town guests included relatives and friends from Calgary, Calgary, Banff, and Granger.

The happy couple left on a honeymoon in Calgary and Banff.

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Clarence's Shoe Shop

We take this opportunity to extend to our patrons and friends everywhere our sincerest wishes for a Happy Holiday Season. At the same time we wish to thank our many patrons for the opportunities we have had to be of service to them in 1952.

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WEDDINGS

NEWTON-ANDERSON
A quiet wedding was solemnized
in the Camrose United Church on
Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at 1:30 p.m.,
when Jean Alpha, eldest daughter
of Mrs. Esther Anderson, pledged
vows with Mr. Charles Wilfred New-
ton, son of Mrs. J. A. Adams of Dids-
bury. Rev. A. Willis Cann officiated
at the ceremony.

The bride and groom wore identi-
cal suits of blue-grey Pic and Pic.
The bride wore red roses en corsage,
and her only jewelry was a rhine-
stone necklace and earrings, gift of
the groom.

Attending the bride was her only
sister, Mrs. Bob Hurlburt, who wore
a suit of burgundy, with Tallman
roses en corsage.

The groom was supported by his
brother, Bill Newton, of Didsbury.

Following the ceremony a recep-
tion was held at the home of the
bride's mother for about forty-five
guests. A three-tiered cake centred
the bride's table, flanked by bou-
quets of pink and white carnations.
A toast to the bride was proposed
by Mr. Bennie Lommes and ably re-
sponded to by the groom. Mr.
Lommes sang "O Promise Me" and
"My Hero," accompanied by Mrs.
Bob Hurlburt.

To receive the guests, the bride's
mother wore a cinnamon colored
two-piece afternoon frock with dark
brown accessories, and yellow car-
nations en corsage. The groom's
mother chose a floral frock of
autumn lilac, with pink carnations.
The happy couple left on a honey-
moon to the Northern States. After
Christmas they will take up resi-
dence in Calgary where the groom
is employed.

Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and
Mrs. J. A. Adams and Mr. and Mrs.
Bill Newton and daughter of Dids-
bury; Miss Ruth Newton and Mr.
Munroe of Innisfail.

Both the bride and groom are
well known in Camrose. The bride
has been on the Royal Bank staff
for several years, and the groom
was on the Builders' Hardware staff
here for some time.—Camrose Cana-
dian.

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, QUIT!

The following sign was posted in
an employees' cafeteria: This firm
has 2,318 employees. To date this
cafeteria has lost 2,318 salt shakers.
Now that you each have one, FOR
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Still time to send in your donation
to the Christmas Seal Fund.

WESTCOTT NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

(This Week)

This correspondent hasn't much
news to relate this week, but I am
including this little verse to ex-
press my thoughts at this time of
the year:

"Of all the joys of Christmas-time
It's laughter, it's light and it's
cheer:

Of all these precious gifts,
Friendship is the most dear.

Merry Christmas to the Editor
and staff and to all the readers.
Mr. Jack Boyle and Mr. Willard
Rhode left last Friday by car for
their home in Ontario.

Mrs. Art Good of the Garfield
district has been a patient in the
Didsbury hospital this past week.

Mrs. Bill Tohma has been on the
sick list and we hope that she will
soon be better.

ANGELIC CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 25 —

Olds: 7:30 p.m.

Children's Candle-Lighting Ser-
vice.

Please make an effort to bring
your children to this special
service.

Didsbury: 10:00 p.m.

Carols and Holy Communion.

Olds: 11:30 p.m.

Midnight Service: Carols and
Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25 —

Sundre: 11:00 a.m.

Carols and Sermon, followed by
Holy Communion.

1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS —

Didsbury: 11 a.m.

Rugby: 3:00 p.m.

Carols and Sermon, followed by
Holy Communion.

A. FRANCIS SHEWARD, Vicar

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

That the Divine Principle which
enabled Jesus to heal the sick and
the sinning is applicable today, is
brought out in Christian Science
Churches on Sunday, when the sub-
ject of the Lesson-Sermon is "Chris-
tian Science". It includes this pas-
sage from the Bible: "Then He
called his twelve disciples together,
and gave them power and author-
ity over all devils and to cure dis-
eases, and He sent them to preach
the Kingdom of God, and to heal
the sick" (Luke 9: 1 & 2). And
from "Science and Health with Key
to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker
Eddy: "Christian Science heals or-
ganic diseases as surely as it heals
functional, for it requires only a
fuller understanding of the Divine
Principle of Christian Science to
demonstrate the higher rule." (162:
25-28).

RAVENHOCK

ABERDEEN ANGUS BULLS AND FEMALES

All Animals T. B. Tested

GREETINGS —

At this Christmas Season we extend greet-
ings to our friends everywhere, and especially
to those who purchased animals from the Raven-
Ho Stock Farm.

R. M. SPOONER

HARMATTAN, ALTA.

Hydraulic Hoists

FOR ALL TYPES OF TRUCKS

Due to the fact that we are unable to supply
all hoist orders during the fall season we sug-
gest you place your order early, and accept our
following offers:

Linden Hoist—8 ton twin cylinder, 12 ft., tilting sills	\$495.00
(\$10 extra for each additional foot)	
Linden Hoist for 1-ton trucks with steel box	\$350.00
Western front mount hoist	\$316.00

5 per cent discount on orders received before
Jan. 20th, with a deposit of not less than 10%.
Power take-off and installing hoist extra.
Bigger hoists made according to specifications

Linden Machine Works

Phone 2120, Acme

Linden, Alberta

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —

The approach of yet another Christmas brings
us an opportunity which, each year, we wel-
come gratefully. It is our chance to set aside
matters of business for a few moments to thank
our customers for their faithful patronage and
friendship.

Your confidence in our store is a source of
great pride to us and to make sure that this con-
fidence is not misplaced will be our primary
interest in the year to come.

This is our pledge to you—and with it go
our sincere good wishes for a Happy Christmas
and a New Year of prosperity and contentment.

MILDRED AND WM. BLORE

Blores' Jewellery

HOLIDAY MILK DELIVERIES —

No Delivery on Thursday, December 25.

No delivery on Thursday, January 1

Your co-operation during the past year has been
appreciated and we wish to extend to everyone
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPERITY
IN THE NEW YEAR
GEORGE WILKINS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Christmas seems to renew our obligation
of gratitude to the community which we so
gladly serve. We are grateful for the patronage
you have given us in the months past and we
pledge anew to serve you faithfully in the future

STEVENS' SERVICE SHOP

J. F. STEVENS

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON —

We earnestly wish that all of the excitement,
enjoyment and good fellowship of the Yuletide
continue to be yours long after the Holiday
Season has passed.

IVAN WEBER

YOUR IMPERIAL OIL AGENT

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —**

Mistletoe in the hall and holly on the door—
evergreens decking the mantel and a great tree
glowing through the winter dusk.

May your home be bright and your heart
light, this Merry Christmas of 1952.

And may the New Year bring you a full
measure of Joy and Happiness

SOLEY'S FOOD STORE

Vic Soley — Jack Freeman — Marion Sherick
Wayne Dunsmuir

Here's Hoping . . .

That each month of the New Year will bring new opportunities to make more gains toward greater happiness and prosperity.

Jessie Blain — John Folkmann — Gordon Habermehl — Lindsay and Bill McFarquhar

Mac's Service Hardware

W.A. McFarquhar, prop. — Phone 33

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —

As the holiday season draws near, it is our sincere wish that you have a most pleasant Christmas and a New Year of prosperity, health and happiness.

Charlie Spreeman

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —

Times change, and we with Time,
But not in ways of friendship.
May the New Year bring you a full measure of
real prosperity.

DIDSBURY BILLIARDS
and BARBER SHOP

As Christmas and the New Year come again, may they find you and keep you rich in happiness.

WE WISH A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Rosebud Motors

PHIL ANDREWS, prop. PHONE 143

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS —

True Christmas Joy comes from within the heart, May yours be light and filled with happiness this Christmas—may the New Year be bright and full of accomplishment.

DIDSBURY VARIETY STORE

DIDSBURY — ALBERTA

PREMIER MEAT MARKET

(LOCATED IN SOLEY'S STORE)
THE COMPLETE FOOD CENTRE

CHRISTMAS JOY —

It is with genuine appreciation, from the bottom of our hearts, that we wish you at this time cordial Christmas Greetings.

BETH and RAY CAMPBELL

DISTRICT NEWS

M.V.B.C. NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all those who read this column. Young people are leaving for their vacation on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and will take up class duties again on January 2. We trust that they too shall have a most joyous time.

The Christmas dinner was held in the College dining room on Friday evening. All students and staff members, with their families, were present. The dinner was served buffet style and the turkey with all the Christmas dressings was adequate to the needs of the large crowd. A few games, a contest or two, preceded a lovely presentation of "No Room in the Inn," written and produced by Mr. Peter Waldin of the speech department. The young people of the public speaking class did a commendable interpretation of that story and Mr. Waldin produced effects in interpretation that were most interesting and illuminating. Before the luncheon following the program was finished, Mr. G. Lyle Richardson introduced his carolers, who, costumed in 18th century regalia, sang many of the old carols. Yes, Santa was there too, and the exchange of gifts which has been customary for some years, was handled well by that jovial gentleman.

The College Choir sang at the hospital again last Saturday evening. This is always a most enjoyable event and this year was no exception. The "18th C" carollers also presented their costumed numbers during the evening, much to the delight of the patients. We do appreciate the hospitality of Mrs. Turner, the Doctors and their staff, each Christmas season. May each one who listened feel the Spirit of Christmas during this beautiful season of the year.

Rev. and Mrs. Taylor and family will be spending their vacation at their respective homes, Edmonton and Gahahad.

Mrs. Suder and her family and Miss Eby will join the group who meet annually at the Ira Stauffer home on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson will be spending their vacation here, having as their guests for the day, Mr. and Mrs. Lemont of Hoadley. Mrs. Habermehl, our splendid cook, has gone with her husband to Ontario, where they will be visiting the latter's mother and father, elderly folk whose health is not good at present. We hope that they will find them well and that their vacation will be a happy one.

Rev. Earl Archer has returned from his evangelistic tour in the east and will be with his wife and family at the College during the Christmas season and the greater part of January. We appreciate his presence with us. He will be taking a number of chapel services after the New Year.

May the Christ whom we worship and adore this Christmas season be crowned Lord of our lives as well, and may the message of Christmas bring to each of us a fresh realization of the import of that great event, the birth of Christ, so many centuries ago.

Notes From D.A.

HUGH McPHAIL

Entomologists of the Science Service Centre at Lethbridge are advising farmers to examine their grain. Heating is reported from several points, and grain mites and rusty grain beetles have been found in samples received. Grain both in bins and piles is affected. Dr. C. W. Farstad, officer in charge of the Field Crop Insect Laboratory, suggests that if the grain is examined now, the trouble can be detected in the early stages and prompt action taken.

This situation may be more widely spread than present reports indicate. Higher than usual fall temperatures over wide areas have created conditions favorable to development of the pests mentioned. Unless checked in the early stages, these pests can cause serious damage.

Grain mites are tiny, whitish, slow moving, spider-like creatures. A disagreeable, sweetish odour of the infected grain betrays their presence. The rusty grain beetle is an active, reddish-brown beetle, about one-sixteenth of an inch long. Both pests feed on the germ of the grain and their activity can quickly extend the area of heating. When examining stored grain, probe beneath the surface. Heating usually occurs towards the centre of the bin or pile.

Cooling is the remedy. This can be done on the farm with a fanning mill, auger, combine or threshing machine. By passing the grain through one of these machines the warm spots are broken up and activity of the pests reduced. Working with the grain in an open pile the new pile of grain can be kept from contact with the damp ground with a good layer of straw. The piles should be kept small and not more than one thousand bushels in each pile.

MELVIN NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Wollen and Denny, of Fort St. John, B.C., arrived last week to spend the holidays at the home of Mrs. Wollen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Krebs. Don't forget the New Year's Eve dance at the Melvin hall. Music by Krebe orchestra.

In the W.I. draw for the lace table cloth donated by Mrs. W. Summers, the lucky winner was Mrs. J. Smallwood.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Dupont on the birth of a son. Mr. and Mrs. Geddes and family of Red Deer were weekend visitors at the Dupont home.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Krebs and family of Ponoka spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lister Krebs.

Miss Margery Chandler, nurse in training in Calgary, spent the weekend at the home of her parents. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Gus Olson, who is home with an attack of chicken pox. Right at this festive season it's almost a calamity.

The Westcott troops of Boy Scouts and Cubs and the Westcott United Church Young People's are planning their usual evening of carol singing from home to home, for the evening of Dec. 27.

Gordon McNaughton, student at the O.S.A., is home for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Your correspondent wishes to extend sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to the Editor and Staff of The Didsbury Pioneer and to the readers of this column.

DIDSBURY BLOOD DONORS
GIVE 374 BOTTLES IN 1952

Greater demand for blood and increased donor response is reported by the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, Southern Alberta area. During 1952 this area collected 2,581 more bottles of blood than in 1951, an increase of 20 per cent.

At the two clinics in Didsbury, a total of 374 bottles was collected.

A. W. Haley, donor panel organizer for the service out of Calgary sub-depot, says that Red Cross branches and zone chairmen working together make the clinics more of a success than usual. Figures reveal that 15,310 donors attended the 1952 mobile clinics, compared with 12,728 in 1951.

No Calgary-made figures are included in the above, and the mobile unit will now stay in the city until March.

"The work of the volunteers and other friends of Red Cross made the mobiles the success they were this year," says Mr. Haley. "The members of the mobile team, Red Cross officials and I, thank them all most sincerely."

WESTERDALE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

A novelty dance is being held at the Westerdale hall on December 26 with the Arcadians (Dean Bros.) orchestra of Sundre supplying the music.

Mr. Wm. Wigley of Calmar visited last Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jackson, and spent the night at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Jones.

The district Christmas tree will be held in the hall on December 23. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is extended to all.

DARWIN'S MISTAKE

Three monkeys sat on a coconut tree.

Discussing things as they're said to be.

Said one to the others, "Now listen, you two,

There's a certain rumour that can't be true,

That man descended from our noble race!

The very idea is a big disgrace!

No monkey ever deserted his wife,

Starved her babies and ruined her life.

And you've never known a mother monk

To leave her babies with others to bunk

Or pass them on from one to another

Till they scarcely know who is their mother;

And another thing you'll never see—

A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree.

And let the coconuts go to waste,

Forbidding all other monks a taste.

Why, if I'd put a fence 'round the tree,

Starvation would force you to steal from me.

Here's another thing a monk won't do—

Go out at night and get on a snow.

Or use a gun or club or knife.

To take some other monkey's life.

Yes, man, DESCENDED—the monkey

But brother, he didn't descend from US!

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish to thank all our customers and other friends for their kind co-operation and patronage during 1952 and extend
THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dickau Electric
ELECTRIC WIRING OUR SPECIALTY

AT THIS FESTIVE SEASON —

May we express to you our appreciation of the cordial relations between us and extend best wishes for —

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
— and a —
ROUNDFUL NEW YEAR

Prevost Motors

Mercury-Lincoln-Meteor Dealer

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —

Even as the bonds of friendship are strengthened at this Yuletide Season, so may our business associations grow in mutual accord and confidence. Your complete happiness is our wish.

Jim Kirby — LaVerne Neufeld — Verda Heibert

KIRBY'S MEAT MARKET

PHONE 127 — DIDSBURY

CORDIAL WISHES —

The Yuletide Season brings with it pleasant thoughts—tried, proven and cherished throughout the past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow men are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material. It is significant of the season, then, that we pause to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And for your friendship we are truly grateful.

STAN — CAM — ALTON — HAROLD

HAROLD E. OKE

Your Machine Man

Phone 10, Didsbury

PLEASANT YULETIDE THOUGHTS —

May all the joys of a glorious Christmas and a Happy New Year be the good fortune of our many friends and patrons.

REIBER BROTHERS

Where Insurance is Our Business. Not a Sideline
C. E. Reiber PHONE 90 A. W. Reiber



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Once again it is our pleasure and privilege to extend to all our many friends and customers our sincere wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you much happiness and a full measure of prosperity.



ATLAS LUMBER CO. LTD.

HOWARD ALLENSON, mgr. PHONE 125

Folkmann's Clothing

PHONE 124 — DIDSBURY

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO YOU AND
YOURS, AND A BLESSED AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



A Very Merry Christmas

— AND A —

Happy New Year

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS
G. C. Leeson, Lyle Sproule, Marian Luft
Cathy Draper, Dolbert Fulkerth, Len Harder

BUILDERS' HARDWARE

THE STORE WITH THE STOCK—AND A SMILE



PEACE ON EARTH —

The ancient greeting of Christmas time must once again in our lifetime be amended to "Peace on Earth to Men of Goodwill, and until all mankind has gained that spirit of "Goodwill to all Men" there can be no universal peace on earth. Our sincere hope at this time is that goodwill will prevail and so again the ancient greeting will read "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all Men."

So we pause for awhile in the year's operation to once again extend a friendly hand, to send our sincere wishes for your health and happiness, and to wish to you and yours:

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

Law's Drug Store

THE **Rexall** STORE

PHONE 40 — DIDSBURY, ALBERTA



The joy of a soldier's return from war is depicted in this family picture taken at Windsor Station in Montreal when Cpl. Lionel LeBlanc of 4423 Wellington St., Verdun, P.Q. kissed his two-year-old son Michael, after he and other Montreal and Maritime members of the 1st Battalion of the Princess Pats stepped

off a C.P.R. trans-continental train on their return from fighting with United Nations forces in Korea. Other members of the family greeting the soldier on his return from a year and one month's service in Korea include his father Ralph LeBlanc, and his wife.

— C.P.R. Photo

Little Items of Local Interest

Boyden Fisher, who is attending University of Alberta, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Grange.

Mrs. J. W. Rupp and Arthur returned last week from California, where they visited relatives and friends in Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley and Chico.

Miss Janet Block returned to her duties in Dr. McNicholl's office on Friday after spending a three week vacation in California.

Mrs. W. Skerry and family left Sunday to spend Christmas in Acme with Mrs. Skerry Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emery, prior to leaving to make their home at Mission City, B.C.

The next Community Auction Sale will be held on Saturday, January 10. Listings should be given to Joe Dick or Ray Shantz by Saturday, January 3. The last sale was a decided success and we have great hopes for the future. Gate prize will continue at the next sale.

Mrs. H. E. Oke has returned from California where she had been visiting with her sister.

Mrs. A. F. Haffner of Portland, Ore. is visiting at the home of her brother, W. J. Scheidt and Mrs. Scheidt.

Miss Joyce Traub was the winner last Saturday of the door prize of a large Christmas stocking at the Didsbury Variety Store.

Born at the Didsbury municipal hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Emile Dupont Jr. on December 16, a boy.

Harold Unger left at the weekend to spend Christmas and New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Unger of Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fom of Melfort, Sask., and Mr. and Mrs. P. Kascher of North Vancouver are spending the Christmas season here with Mr. and Mrs. Mel Shantz, Mr. Emerson Shantz and Mrs. C. Brado.

Bobby Dick of the RCAF has arrived home for the holiday season. He hitch-hiked all the way from his station at Clinton, Ontario, and he made the trip in five days.

Mr. and Mrs. Les LeGrand and family are leaving Tuesday for Tisdale, Sask., to spend Christmas with Mrs. LeGrand's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Allen and family will spend Christmas in Calgary with Mr. and Mrs. Ian McKenzie.

Miss Pearl Weisberger of the Royal Bank staff is spending Christmas with her parents in Red Deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Buhr and family are spending the yuletide holiday in Calgary with their daughter, Mrs. Jack Carlin and Mr. Carlin.

Mr. Murray Kendrick of Regina arrived home this week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kendrick.

The Didsbury library will not be open December 27th.

Mr. Bill Rennie and Miss Jean Rennie of Edmonton will spend Christmas in town with their mother, Mrs. Pearl Rennie.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank Dr. Epp and the staff at the hospital for kindness shown me during my stay in hospital. Also my friends for cards and treats.

BERT RADFORD

Mrs. W. Van Wyck returned last Thursday from Empress where she visited with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold.

Mrs. Walton of Innisfail was a recent visitor in town with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McArthur.

There will be no square dances held at Rugby hall until further notice.

Coming Events

—Dance at Rugby Hall Friday, Dec. 26. Merry-makers orchestra. 49-4tc

—Special Christmas services will be held in the Fallen Timber school on Sunday, Dec. 21. Program and good music. Everyone welcome. — Four Square Church.

—Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 25.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Just the Old, Old Wish again,
The same year after year,
And yet it's just as heartily
And as bright with Christmas cheer;
But it isn't just the words themselves
That makes it ring as true —
It's the special meaning in it
When it's wished for folks like you!

RANTON'S

YOUR FRIENDLY STORE

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

As the holiday season draws near, it is our sincere wish that you have a most pleasant Christmas and a New Year of prosperity, health and happiness.

JAY TUGGLE



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Nearly twenty centuries have passed since men were asked to lift up their hearts and follow in the footsteps of the Christmas Child. The simple pastoral life of those days has long gone, replaced by a complex industrial civilization. Yet mankind, on Christmas, still stirs to the lessons of the first Christmas to seek peace within its hearts. Jesus still bids us "Love ye one another."

J.V., LEN, BRUCE, MARGARET, VELMA, BETTY,

ESTHER, MILLER, MARYLYN

J. V. Berscht & Sons

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